I have become aware that Sinclair Broadcasting Group intends to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I am opposed to such partisan use of the public airwaves. It does not serve the public interest of my community.

This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when a large company controls stations far removed from their corporate headquarters, they make decisions based on their profits and apparently on their personal political views and our democracy suffers. It is important that instead we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve real review of the actions of these companies. Thank you.